

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 SINGAP 02159 010113Z

22

ACTION L-03

INFO OCT-01 EA-09 ISO-00 EB-07 COME-00 JUSE-00 TRSE-00

CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 /027 W
----- 121786

R 300825Z APR 76

FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5194

UNCLAS SINGAPORE 2159

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, SN

SUBJECT: CABINET TASK FORCE ON QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS ABROAD:
FOREIGN LAWS ON QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS.

REF: A. STATE 94647 B. 75 SINGAPORE 4894

1. FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 2

REFTEL (A):

A. YES

B. YES, BUT THIS ONLY APPLIES TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION
ONCE AN INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN INITIATED.

C. YES

D. NO

E. NO

F. YES, THE PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION ACT IS VERY
BROADLY WRITTEN AND CAN BE APPLIED TO CORPORATE DECISION-
MAKING PROCESS. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY RECENT
EXAMPLE OF THIS LAW BEING APPLIED TO NON GOVERNMENT-
RELATED TRANSACTIONS.

2. THE "YES" RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS A, B, C, AND F REFER

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 SINGAP 02159 010113Z

TO PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION ACT (CHAPTER 104 OF SINGAPORE

STATUTES). THE ACT CAN BE VERY LIBERALLY INTERPRETED AND DOES NOT INCLUDE PRECISE DEFINITION OF CORRUPTION. (FOR EXAMPLE, SECTION 5 REFERS TO ANY PERSON WHO "CORRUPTLY" SOLICITS OR GIVES GRATIFICATION, BUT DOES NOT DEFINE OR LIMIT APPLICABILITY OF THIS TERM.) THE ACT ALSO APPLIES TO OFFENSES COMMITTED OUTSIDE SINGAPORE BY SINGAPORE CITIZENS.

3. UNDER SECTIONS 5, 6, AND 7 OF PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION ACT ANYONE FOUND GUILTY OF AN OFFENSE WILL BE LIABLE FOR UP TO FIVE-YEAR IMPRISONMENT OR TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING S\$10,000 OR TO BOTH. SHOULD THE OFFENCE INVOLVE THE GOVERNMENT OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC BODY, THE PENALTY WILL BE INCREASED TO A MAXIMUM OF SEVEN-YEAR IMPRISONMENT OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING S\$10,000 OR BOTH (NOTE US \$1.00 - S\$2.45).

4. (RE- QUESTION B). UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE SAME ACT, FAILURE TO DISCLOSE ANY INFORMATION (INCLUDING ACCOUNTS STATEMENT) DURING INVESTIGATION WILL CARRY FINE NOT EXCEEDING S\$2,000 OR ONE -YEAR IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH.

5. COMMENT: SINGAPORE STRICTLY ENFORCES ITS CORRUPTION LAWS. CORRUPTION IS GENERALLY LIMITED TO LOW LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY. HOWEVER, MOST RECENT CORRUPTION CASE OF IMPORTANCE WAS CONVICTION OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, WEE TOON BOON, FOR USING HIS POSITION TO INFLUENCE CIVIL SERVANTS ON BEHALF OF PRIVATE COMAPANY WEE RECEIVED FOUR AND A HALF YEAR JAIL SENTENCE LAST SEPTEMBER AND IS CURRENTLY APPEALING HIS CASE.

6. COPY OF PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION ACT HAS ALREADY BEEN POUCHED TO L/PM PER REFTEL(B).
HOLDRIDGE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CABINET, POLICIES, CORRUPTION, BUSINESS FIRMS, FOREIGN INVESTMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 APR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976SINGAP02159
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760166-0836
From: SINGAPORE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t1976042/aaaaabgu.tel
Line Count: 94
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION L
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 94647, 76 SINGAPORE 4894
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ellisoob
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30 SEP 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <30 SEP 2004 by cookms>; APPROVED <02 NOV 2004 by ellisoob>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CABINET TASK FORCE ON QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS ABROAD: FOREIGN LAWS ON QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS.
TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, SN
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006